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Application of: Siegal et al.

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For: VIRAL INTERFERON  
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**PROVISIONAL ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143 WITH TRAVERSAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, mailed August 6, 2003, and in accordance with Rule 143 of the Rules of Practice, please consider the following remarks. Applicants also submit herewith: (1) a Petition For Extension of Time (in duplicate), accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee; and (2) an Information Disclosure Statement and revised PTO-1449 Form with references A01 and C01-C62.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. The Examiner has required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 of one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 16-19, drawn to a method of treating or preventing a disease in a subject by administering a therapeutically effective amount of interferon-producing cells, classified in class 424, subclass 93.1.
- II. Claims 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10, drawn to a method of treating or preventing a disease in a subject by administering a therapeutically effective amount of interferon, classified in class 514, subclass 2.
- III. Claims 11-15, drawn to a method of monitoring the progression of a disease by measuring the number of interferon-producing cells obtained from a subject with a control reference sample, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.